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BIDDEFORD RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

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A N N U A L R E P O R T

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

and

SURVEYOR, ENGINEER AND PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

for the year

1970

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Medical Officer of Health:
N. Bowring Betts, F.R.C.S.

Surveyor, Engineer and Public Health Inspector:
L.J.Dunn, F.I.P.H.E., M.S.E., M.R.S.H., A.I.A.S.

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STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITION OF THE AREA

Area (Acres)	...	...	...	55,770
Population (Estimated)	...	...	...	5,070
Number of separately rated hereditaments as at 1st April, 1971	...	...	...	2,206
Rateable Value (as at 1/4/71)	...	...	...	92,692
Sum represented by a Penny Rate as at 31/3/71	...	...	...	£356.19.7.

The chief occupations of the inhabitants of the District are directly or indirectly associated with agriculture. The district is a very popular holiday centre and many hotels, boarding houses and farms specialise in seasonal catering.

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ANNUAL REPORT
of the Medical Officer of Health
for the Bideford Rural District.

Telephone: BRADWORTHY 215.

Cleverdon House,
Bradworthy.

September, 1971.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I beg to submit to you my Report dealing with the Public Health and general conditions of the district during the year 1970.

Your obedient Servant,

N. BOWRING BETTS.

Medical Officer of Health.

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VITAL STATISTICS

Live Births	..	..	..	..	72
Number	..	..	..	..	14.2
Rate per 1000 population					
Illegitimate Live Births (Per cent of total live Births)					5.5
Stillbirths.					
Number	..	..	..	..	-
Rate per 1000 total live and still births				..	-
Total live and stillbirths	..	..	..	..	72
Infant Deaths (deaths under one year)		..	..	..	-
Infant Mortality Rates.					
Total infant deaths per 1000 total live births					-
Legitimate infant deaths per 100 legitimate live births					-
Illegitimate infant deaths per 1000 illegitimate live births					-
Neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under four weeks per 1000 total live births)	..	..	..	..	-
Early Neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under one week per 1000 total live births)	..	..	..	..	-
Perinatal Mortality Rate (stillbirths and deaths under one week combined per 1000 total live and stillbirths)				..	-
Maternal Mortality (including abortion)	..	..	..	..	-
Number of deaths					
Rate per 1000 total live and still births				..	-

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA.

HOSPITALS.

1. TUBERCULOSIS.

There are no hospitals for the reception of tuberculous patients in this district. Suitable cases are admitted to Hawkmoor Chest Hospital, Bovey Tracey.

2. ISOLATION OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

Any cases of infectious diseases which cannot be isolated or properly cared for at home, are conveyed to the Kingsley Hospital, which comprises 30 beds, 4 cots and 8 observation cubicles.

3. POLIOMYELITIS VACCINATION.

Oral Vaccine is now being used for this purpose. Persons up to the age of 40 years are eligible for vaccination.

4. GENERAL.

The Bideford and District Hospital serves the district extremely well for General Medical and Surgical treatment. The hospital contains about 51 beds. Hospital facilities are also available at the North Devon Infirmary, Barnstaple and the Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital, Exeter.

5. MATERNITY CASES.

Maternity cases may be admitted to the North Devon and District Hospital, Barnstaple, which has 48 beds, and also, by arrangement with the Devon County Council, to the Grenville Nursing Home, Bideford.

6. DISTRICT NURSING.

There is a district nurse now resident in Hartland and a district nurse from Bideford is available for part of the district.

7. LABORATORY FACILITIES.

Bacteriological examinations are undertaken by the Public Health Laboratory Service. Chemical analyses are carried out by the Public Analysts, Messrs Tickle & Reynolds, of Queen Street, Exeter.

8. DISINFECTION OF INFECTED BEDDING AND CLOTHING.

By arrangement with the Bideford and District Joint Isolation Hospital Board, any infected bedding and clothing can be disinfected in the steam disinfecting apparatus at the Isolation Hospital.

9. AMBULANCE FACILITIES.

There is a St. John Ambulance stationed at Bideford which serves the rural district. There is also a separate ambulance stationed at the Isolation Hospital, which is used for the conveyance of patients suffering from any of the notifiable infectious diseases.

10. ANTE-NATAL CLINICS.

Ante-natal clinics are held at the North Devon Infirmary, Barnstaple.

11. CHILD WELFARE CLINICS.

There are child welfare clinics held at Hartland and Bideford.

12. VENEREAL DISEASE

A clinic for venereal disease is held at the North Devon Infirmary twice weekly.

13. ORTHOPAEDIC CLINIC.

A clinic is held twice a month at Barnstaple.

14. BIRTH CONTROL CLINIC.

A clinic is held once a month at the North Devon Dispensary, Barnstaple.

PREVALENCE OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES
NOTIFICATIONS

Diseases.			Total number of cases notified	Cases Admitted to Hospital	Total deaths
Scarlet Fever	..	..	1	0	0
Diphtheria	..	..	0	0	0
Puerperal Pyrexia	..	..	0	0	0
Pneumonia	..	..	0	0	0
Dysentery	..	..	0	0	0
Erysipelas	..	..	0	0	0
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	..	..	0	0	0
Anterior Poliomyelitis and			0	0	0
Polioencephalitis	..	..	0	0	0
Measles	..	..	23	0	0
Whooping Cough	..	..	0	0	0
Acute Encephalitis	..	..	0	0	0
Lethargica	..	..	0	0	0
Cerebro Spinal Meningitis	..	..	0	0	0
Inf Hepatitis	..	..	1	0	0

AGE INCIDENCE OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES

	<u>Measles</u>		<u>Scarlet Fever</u>		<u>Whooping Cough</u>	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
1 year	2	1	0	0	0	0
2 years	0	0	0	0	0	0
3 years	1	0	0	0	0	0
4 years	1	2	2	0	0	0
5-9 years	6	7	1	0	0	0
10-14 years	0	0	0	0	0	0
15-24 years	0	0	0	0	0	0
25 and over	1	0	0	0	0	0
Unknown	0	0	0	0	0	0
	—	—	—	—	—	—
	11	10	2	0	0	0
	—	—	—	—	—	—

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION.

This is now combined with whooping cough vaccine and Tetanus Toxoid for children under 5 years of age. Older children are given a combination of Diphtheria vaccine and Tetanus Toxoid. Measles vaccine is given to children at the age of 12 months.

TUBERCULOSIS

The number of cases of Tuberculosis remaining on the register was as follows:-

						31st. Dec. 1970.
(a) Pulmonary	..	..	Males	..	..	5
			Females	..	..	3
(b) Non-Pulmonary	..	..	Males	..	..	1
			Females	..	..	3
						<u>12</u>
Total cases on Register, December 31st., 1969	..	..				12
" " " " " " 1968	..	..				12
" " " " " " 1967	..	..				12
" " " " " " 1966	..	..				11
" " " " " " 1965	..	..				10
" " " " " " 1964	..	..				10
" " " " " " 1963	..	..				9
" " " " " " 1962	..	..				27
" " " " " " 1961	..	..				27
" " " " " " 1960	..	..				28
" " " " " " 1959	..	..				28
" " " " " " 1958	..	..				27
" " " " " " 1957	..	..				27
" " " " " " 1956	..	..				24
" " " " " " 1955	..	..				24
" " " " " " 1954	..	..				23

1. NEW CASES.

During the year 1970 no case of Tuberculosis was notified.

TUBERCULOSIS
Contd.

The following are the notifications for the preceeding twelve years:-

	Pulmonary	Non-Pulmonary	Total
1969	0	0	0
1968	0	0	0
1967	1	0	1
1966	0	1	1
1965	0	0	0
1964	1	0	1
1963	1	0	1
1962	1	0	1
1961	0	0	0
1960	0	0	0
1959	1	0	1
1958	1	1	2

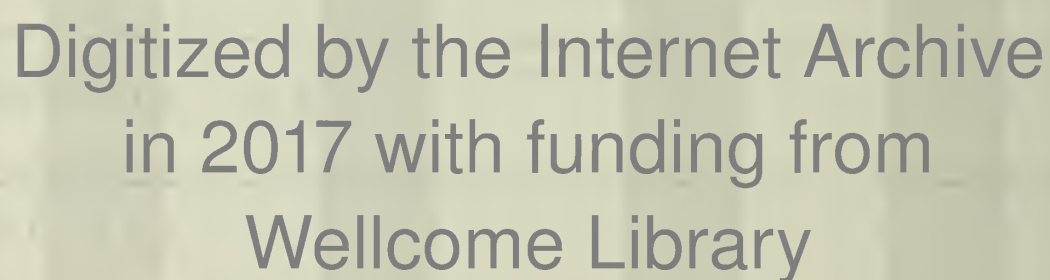
MORTALITY FROM TUBERCULOSIS

Total Deaths, 1969 - 0

CAUSE OF DEATH.	SEX	Total all Ages	Under 4 weeks	AGE IN YEARS								
				1-	5-	15-	25-	35-	45-	55-	65-	75 & over
Malignant Neoplasm, Buccal Cavity etc.	M	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	F	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Malignant Neoplasm, Intestine	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus	M	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Malignant Neoplasm, Prostate	F	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Malignant Neoplasms	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Malignant Neoplasms	M	3	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	1
Mental Disorders	F	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mental Disorders	M	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hypertensive Disease	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hypertensive Disease	M	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ischaemic Heart Disease	F	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	4	1
Ischaemic Heart Disease	M	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	3	4
Other Forms of Heart Disease	F	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	3
Other Forms of Heart Disease	M	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Cerebrovascular Disease	F	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Cerebrovascular Disease	M	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	4
Other Diseases of Circulatory System	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Other Diseases of Circulatory System	M	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Pneumonia	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	2
Pneumonia	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Bronchitis and Emphysema	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Bronchitis and Emphysema	M	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Intestinal Obstruction and Hernia	F	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nephritis and Nephrosis	M	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nephritis and Nephrosis	F	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Diseases of Musculo-Skeletal System	M	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Diseases of Musculo-Skeletal System	F	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Birth Injury, Difficult Labour, etc.	M	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Birth Injury, Difficult Labour, etc.	F	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Symptoms and Ill Defined Conditiors	M	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Symptoms and Ill Defined Conditiors	F	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
ALL Other accidents	M	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
ALL Other accidents	F	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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CAUSE OF DEATH.	SEX	Total all Ages	Under 4 weeks	1-	5-	15-	25-	35-	45-	55-	65-	75 & over
Diabetes Mellitus	M	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Other Endocrine etc. diseases	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other diseases of nervous system	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Influenza	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	M	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1
Other diseases of Respiratory System	M											
	M	32	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	4	9	16
	F	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	6	12
<u>TOTAL ALL CAUSES</u>												



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ANNUAL REPORT

SURVEYOR, ENGINEER AND PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR FOR THE BIDEFORD RURAL DISTRICT

Grenville House,
The Quay,
Bideford.

September, 1971.

TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE BIDEFORD RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Mr.Chairman and Gentlemen,

I beg to present my Annual Report for the year 1970, dealing with the various matters which come within the purview of this Department.

I am, Mr.Chairman and Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servant,

L.J.DUNN.

Surveyor.

HOUSING

Future Programme.

The Council own sites suitable for housing at Abbotsham, Buckland Brewer, Hartland, Horns Cross, Monkleigh and Woolsery which it is thought is adequate to serve foreseeable needs of the district, assuming that houses erected in any one Parish serve also the surrounding areas.

Old peoples two-bedroomed bungalows erected recently have filled an urgent need and provide the accommodation required both for old persons and newly married couples.

In many cases by re-housing old people in bungalows, five person Council Houses become available for occupation by a family.

It is thought that if the Council continue to build two-bedroomed bungalows where the need arises this will fulfill the Council's obligations.

Present Programme.

A tender was accepted during the year under review for the erection of six old peoples bungalows at Buckland Brewer and these are nearly completed.

At the time of writing the report plans are in hand to erect 10 old peoples bungalows at Hartland to complete the Well Spring Close Estate

Existing Council Houses.

The following table enumerates the number of houses owned by the Council in the various Parishes and whether pre-war, war-time or post-war houses and the type of same.

<u>Pre-war Houses.</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Modern Amenities</u>		<u>No. of Houses.</u>
		<u>provided.</u>		
Abbotsham, Woodcote	Three-bedroomed	August 1970		2
Alwington, Fairy Cross	-do-	Feb. 1967		2
Alwington, Woodtown	-do-	Feb. 1963		2
Buckland Brewer, Tower Hill	-do-	March 1966		1
Clovelly, Sydenham	-do-	Oct. 1968		1
Hartland, Rosedown	-do-	Feb. 1968		2
Hartland, Baxworthy	-do-	Inadequate		
		water supply.	Proposals	2
		are in hand.		
Littleham, Boundstone	-do-	March 1964		2
Monkleigh, Council Cottages	-do-	Feb. 1965		2
Parkham, Halsbury	-do-	May 1960		2
Parkham, Woodpark	-do-	Work in hand.		2
Woolsery, Cranford.	-do-	May 1966		2

War-time Houses.

In 1944 the Council built four houses:-

	<u>Three-bedroomed</u>	<u>Two-bedroomed</u>	<u>No. of Houses</u>
Natcott, Hartland	2		2
Crosspark, Woolsery	2		2
			<u>4</u>

Post-war dwellings.

Abbotsham	6		6
Alwington	6		6
Buckland Brewer	12		12
Bulkworthy	2		2
Clovelly	8		8
East Putford	2		2
Hartland	26	13	39
Littleham	4		4
Monkleigh	16	6	22
Newton St. Petrock	2	2	4
Parkham	6		6
Welcombe	2		2
Woolsery	4	4	8
			<u>121</u>

Improvement of Pre-War Council Houses.

18 pre-war Council Houses have been improved with the aid of a grant, being the provision of the standard amenities.

Plans are in hand to improve all other pre-war Council Houses which lack these amenities and these are being done as the essential main services of water supply or sewer become available to same. (for details see above).

Private dwellings.

15 private dwellings were erected in various parts of the district during the year and present indications are that the number is likely to increase.

HOUSING GRANTS.

Standard Grants.

26 applications for a Standard Grant were approved during the year.

During the year £2,910 was paid out in respect of 14 grants paid - this is a reduction from that paid out during the previous year.

Discretionary Grants.

There were three applications for Discretionary Grants during the year, two being improvements to properties and the other a conversion and it was agreed to pay £1,513 in respect of same. Two Discretionary Grants were paid out during the year, namely: £1,285.

HOUSING ACT, 1957.

No statutory notices were served under this Act during the period under review.

There are no Common Lodging Houses or Houses in Multiple Occupation in the district.

WATER SUPPLIES

Statutory Authority.

The North Devon Water Board are the Authority for the provision of water throughout the district and the mains are available in all Parishes. All the Villages and Hamlets in the district have a supply together with large areas of the district outside the Villages and Hamlets.

Mains Extensions.

One extension to the main was laid by the Water Board during the year, namely: Littleham Reservoir.

Sources of Supply.

The main sources of supply of water are from Exmoor and Dartmoor but some smaller sources of supply are available to the Board in North Devon which were previously individual reservoirs for the various local Authorities which have since been taken over by the Board. Such a supply is that at Melbury which was the source of supply for the Urban District of Northam.

Adequacy of Supplies.

The Water Board still lack adequate sources of supply for all the needs of the area which it serves and this is in part due to lack of reservoirs but this need will shortly be met when the new reservoir at ~~Meldon~~ is completed.

The restriction of the supply in the Water Board's area is not serious since it refers to washing of vehicles and watering of gardens only, but increased supplies are required not to meet this need only but to meet the increasing demand for water for domestic and industrial consumption and to meet the needs of the increase in population in the area.

Existing supply position.

38 new connections were made to the mains in the Rural District during the year and details of the number of properties supplied in each of the Parishes, together with the estimated number of persons supplied is as detailed hereunder:-

<u>PARISH</u>	<u>No. of domestic properties supplied.</u>	<u>Estimated No. of persons supplied.</u>
ABBOTSHAM	124	360
ALWINGTON	86	246
BUCKLAND BREWER	100	285
CLOVELLY	15	43
EAST PUTFORD	172	490
HARTLAND	18	52
LANDCROSS	347	1032
LITTLEHAM	27	77
MONKLEIGH	75	210
NEWTON ST. PETROCK	125	351
PARKHAM	54	155
WELCOMBE	172	494
WOOLSERY	49	113
	165	473

Private supplies.

A considerable number of properties in the very sparsely populated parts of the district still relies on wells and a small number have boreholes but the former are frequently insufficient in quantity and poor in quality and to sink more wells is not considered to be the answer to the problem.

During the year 11 samples were taken from private supplies, six of which were found to be unsatisfactory and in such cases if no alternative supply is available the persons concerned are advised as to the best steps to take to endeavour to exclude pollution as far as possible and subsequently boiling water before use.

In some very sparsely populated parts of the Rural District it is obvious that the Water Board will be unable to lay mains since they would be wholly uneconomical but it is thought that, and hoped, further main extensions in some parts of the district not served will yet be made in future, some possibly with the aid of grants to the Board from the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

SEWERAGE

Existing position.

The majority of the Villages and Hamlets in the district have been provided with new sewers and sewage disposal works as water supplies were taken through the district by the North Devon Water Board, as under:-

Abbotsham	-	completed in 1968
Buckland Brewer	-	completed in 1952
Higher Clovelly	-	completed in 1959
Lower Clovelly	-	New tidal tank provided in 1950.
Ford/Fairy Cross	-	completed in 1965
Hartland	-	completed in 1961
Horns Cross,	-	completed in 1948
Littleham	-	completed in 1963
Monkleigh	-	completed in 1957
Parkham	-	completed in 1954
Saltrens	-	completed in 1955
Stoke	-	completed in 1960
Woodtown	-	completed in 1965
Woolsery	-	completed in 1971

Proposals in hand.

Bucks Cross and Bucks Mills.

During the year under review the Jeger Report was issued which confirmed that subject to certain conditions sea outfall sewers were an acceptable means of sewage disposal and plans drawn up to serve these two hamlets with a sea outfall sewer is proceeding and it is hoped that a start on this scheme would be made in 1972.

Clovelly.

It is thought that the public sewer in Lower Clovelly is defective and whilst there are no nuisances from same it seems necessary that this main sewer should be renewed in the very near future and possible development at Lower Clovelly has made it a matter which must receive early consideration.

The Council have agreed, in principle, that the necessary improvements with new sea outfall disposal works shall be put in hand as soon as is practicable, bearing in mind other commitments elsewhere.

Horns Cross.

These disposal works must be extended before further development can take place in the Hamlet under present planning policy which means that development must be centred on existing Villages and hamlets indicating that the capacity of the sewage disposal works should be increased by at least 100%.

Extensions to existing disposal works.

Littleham and Parkham.

Plans for extension of these works have been drawn up and approved by interested Authorities.

The actual works are likely to be in hand very shortly.

Further works extensions.

It seems probable that owing to planning policy referred to earlier, which it is thought is likely to be strengthened in future, further extensions on other disposal works may be necessary - Buckland Brewer is a probable case for extension since this is a Key Settlement and the probable development area in the village will take more dwellings than can be accommodated in the existing disposal works.

Maintenance Works.

Maintenance of the disposal works by permanent employees has proved a very satisfactory arrangement.

There has been an improvement in the standard of effluent from works which, until recently, were taking farm drainage and the greater majority of the samples taken by the River Authority comply with the standards laid down.

PUBLIC CLEANSING

Refuse Collection.

The arrangement for refuse collection by contract throughout the district as has been practiced for many years past has been considered by the Council and a decision taken that infrequency of collections in the past calls for improvement and, furthermore, it was felt necessary to make a collection from all properties in the district.

It became apparent that to continue the refuse collection service by contract, serving all the district and increasing the frequency of collections, would be considerably more expensive and it was decided that a direct service operated by the Council should be brought into operation.

At the time of writing this report this new arrangement has been operating for some months and has been found to be very satisfactory. Refuse is collected from all properties throughout the year at fortnightly intervals and a weekly collection of refuse still operates at Hartland Town with twice weekly collection at Clovelly where special circumstances makes this essential.

Refuse disposal.

Three refuse dumps in various parts of the Rural District are in operation and there have been no complaints with regard to same.

The dumps are situated in the remote parts of the district and steps are taken to deal with any rat infestation which may occur by continual treatment.

Litter Bins.

The number of litter bins which have been placed on the roads have increased during the year but the previous arrangement that these were emptied by contract did not work entirely satisfactorily but now that they are emptied by the Council's refuse lorry which passes them at frequent intervals, the arrangements are working very satisfactorily.

PUBLIC SWIMMING AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES

Natural Amenities.

The north and west boundaries of the district are bounded by the coastline along which are a number of small beaches, increasingly used for recreation, including swimming. Unfortunately, the majority of the coastline is such that it is not suitable for public bathing but affords recreational pursuits which are likely to be increasingly followed in future when the Long Distance Coastal Footpath runs throughout the district.

Swimming Pools.

Two swimming pools are available for use by the public in the district and samples from same are taken periodically for analysis.

Both pools have facilities for treatment of the water by recirculation, filtration and chlorination.

In recent years a number of small swimming pools have been provided at Schools to teach children to swim.

Some have been provided with mechanical means of filtration and chlorination and others are frequently emptied and the purity of the water checked by various appliances.

CARAVAN AND CAMPING

Camping Sites.

The district remains popular for caravan and camping holidays and six licensed sites exist to accommodate these holidaymakers.

All the sites are provided with essential amenities of adequate water supply, sanitary accommodation and means for the collection and disposal of refuse and some sites have ablution facilities.

9 farms in the district are able to provide similar facilities to Members of the Caravan and Camping Clubs and these too are situated in various parts of the district.

The sites are visited frequently during the summer and conditions were found to be satisfactory.

Chalet Sites.

In recent years two caravan sites have been converted to chalet sites and these have all facilities, normally of two-bedroomed type set in very pleasant surroundings.

The occupation of these chalets is limited to a period March to October in each year - they are not considered suitable for all the year around occupation.

PLANS AND PLANNING CONTROL

Building Regulations.

The number of plans submitted for approval under the Building Regulations was somewhat less than in the previous year, being:-

No approved	-	105
No refused	-	NIL

Town and Country Planning Acts.

There was again an increase in the number of plans submitted for consideration under the Planning Acts, as under:-

No approved	-	91
No refused	-	35
No withdrawn	-	2

Control of Development.

Development in the majority of the district is strictly controlled since a large proportion of it falls within the categories or areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty and/or Coastal Preservation Areas and areas of Great Landscape Value. Development in these areas, especially the two former categories is limited to essential development only and less where in the district development is increasingly being restricted to Villages and Hamlets. The effect of this policy is showing itself now in that sewage disposal works designed for Villages in the comparatively recent past are having to be extended to allow the essential development to take place.

PETROLEUM

29 premises in the district are licenced for the storage and sale of petroleum spirit.

Periodic inspections are made of the installations and everything was found to be generally satisfactory.

OFFICES, SHOPS AND PREMISES ACT

Number of registered premises - Offices 2, Retail Shops 9, Catering Establishments 9.

20 inspections were carried out on these various premises and they were found to comply with the requirements of the act.

FACTORIES ACT, 1961

Prescribed particulars on the administration of the

Factories Act, 1937.

1. INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors).

Premises (1)	Number on Register (3)	No. of		
		Inspect- ions. (4)	Written Notices. (5)	Occupiers Prosecuted. (6)
(i)Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities.	2	4	NIL	NIL
(ii)Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.	10	14	NIL	NIL
(iii)Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authorities (excluding out-workers' premises).	2	2	NIL	NIL
Total	14	20	NIL	NIL

1. CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND - NIL.

OUTWORK
(Sections 133 and 134)

Nature Work (1)	Section 133		Section 134		
	No. of out- workers in August list required by Section 133 (1)(c) (2)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council. (3)	No. of prosecu- tions for failure to supply lists. (4)	No.of instances of work in un- wholesome premises. (5)	Notices Prosecutions (6) (7)
Wearing)Making Apparel)etc.	6				
)cleaning					
)and					
)washing.					
)Total	6				

FOOD AND DRUGS

A "NIL" return in respect of food poisoning was sent to the Ministry of Health for the year under review.

FOOD PREMISES.

Food premises, subject to: the Food Hygiene (General) Regulations, 1960 grouped in categories are detailed hereunder.

	Total No.	Sect. 16 W.H.Basins.	Sect.19 (Sink) applic- able.	Sinks provided
<u>a.Catering.</u>				
i. Hotels	7	7	7	7
ii. Cafes and Restaurants	8	8	8	8
iii. Licensed premises not included in i and ii.	15	15	15	15
<u>b.Grocers.</u>	15	15	15	15
<u>c.Butchers.</u>	4	4	4	4
<u>d.Bakers.</u>	1	1	1	1
<u>e.Sweet Confectionery.</u>	12	12	11	11
<u>f.Others.</u>				
i.Icecream Manufacturers.	1	1	1	1
ii.Rabbit killing and dressing.	1	1	1	1

Inspections are made periodically of these premises, and, in general, the standard of Food Hygiene is satisfactory. It has not been found necessary to take formal action in respect of offences under the Regulations.

SLAUGHTERHOUSES.

There are no slaughterhouses in the district, all meat being obtained from centralised slaughterhouses in other districts.

FOOD- GENERAL.

Food processing.

There is one rabbit processing establishment in the district and the meat is supplied to large chain store groups.

The rabbits are bred throughout the south-west and the process is carried out by part-time labour.

No problems with regard to this establishment has arisen during the year under review.

Condemned foods.

During the year 1 - 9lb tin of food at a shop in the district was condemned.

Sampling.

Food sampling in the district is undertaken as necessary by the County Council who are the Food and Drugs Authority and this is undertaken in consultation with the Department as and when required.

